

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. Docking apparatus for use with a portable computer in a vehicle, comprising:  
a bracket including a base and an arm for attaching the apparatus to a dashboard  
of the vehicle; and

5 a docking cradle attached to the arm that comprises a connector adjacent its  
lower end that mates with a connector of the portable computer to electrically  
interconnect the personal computer to the docking cradle;

a power cable and connector for connecting the docking cradle to a vehicle  
power source; and

10 an audio cable interconnects the docking cradle to a vehicle audio system.

2. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the portable computer comprises  
HP Jornada portable computer.

3. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the docking cradle comprises  
plastic.

4. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the power cable and connector  
comprise a cigarette lighter adapter.

5. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the audio cable electrically connects  
the portable computer to the vehicle audio system.

6. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the audio cable is connected to an  
input connector of the vehicle audio system.

7. The apparatus recited in Claim 1 wherein the audio cable permits audio  
playback of music files stored in the portable computer.